

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on February 21, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jenkins (Excused)

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, KCC
Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas
Municipalities

Others attending: See attached list.

George McAtee, Director Workforce Training Services, submitted a report regarding the status and progress of the Neighborhood Improvement and Youth Employment Act (NIYEA). Legislation requires that a report be filed annually with the Senate Commerce Committee and House Economic Development Committee (Attachment 1).

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Kansas Corporation Commission, briefed the committee on telecommunications and right-of-way. Currently, neither the KCC nor the FCC regulate the franchising authority of municipal bodies. Once a telecommunications public utility has received a certificate of convenience and authority to operate in the State of Kansas, the telecommunications provider must apply to the city and receive a franchise to construct and maintain its lines across public right-of-way within its certificated territory. The city collects franchise fees from telecommunications service providers based on its franchising ordinances (Attachment 2).

Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in opposition to **SB 306** (Attachment 3). Cities must maintain control over city property and everyone who uses public property for a private purpose should be subject to the same rules for obtaining use of the property. The use and regulation of city rights of way should be negotiated locally between the user and the city.

Rob Hodges, Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association, presented written testimony of principles of proponents for **SB 306** (Attachment 4).

Mike Santos, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Overland Park, in response to a question stated it is one of the major issues between industry and local government as to whether or not the franchise fee for the use of public property right-of-way should be payment for the cost of disrupting that property or should be payment to the community for the value of using the resources of that community. The city's position is that the state statute is not in conflict with federal law and the city has a right to recover under the state statute gross receipts related to the use or the value of that property as it was rent paid.

The Committee questioned if it was possible to have a residential line fee and a commercial line fee. Mr Santos responded there are multiple issues within that. For example, why should a person who simply wants basic telephone service pay a greater portion of the fee percentage wise than someone who wants all the extras on a phone line. Within the residential and commercial groups you would have a disparity impact on those users.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2001

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Governor

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Division of Employment and Training

Richard E. Beyer
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2001

TO: Senator Karin Brownlee, Chair
Senate Commerce Committee

FROM: George McAtee, Director *GMA*
Workforce Training Services

SUBJECT: NIYEA Legislative Narrative Report

Attached is the Neighborhood Improvement and Youth Employment Act (NIYEA) legislative narrative report as prepared by the Kansas Department of Human Resources. Copies have been provided for distribution to your committee. Should you have questions concerning the content of the report, please contact me at 296-5115.

GWM:RRO:lp

Attachments

pc: Rick Beyer
Steve Jack
Rep. Barbara Ballard

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACT
(NIYEA)**

REPORT TO THE 2001 SESSION OF THE

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

AND TO THE

HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Neighborhood Improvement and Youth Employment Act
(NIYEA)**

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**Report to the 2001 Session of the
Senate Commerce Committee
and to the
House Economic Development Committee**

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Grant Period: July 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000

Date: February 2001

I. BACKGROUND

A. Legislation

The Neighborhood Improvement and Youth Employment Act (NIYEA) was made possible by the 1994 Kansas Legislature through House Bill 2948. The bill was re-authorized December 31, 1995, as House Bill 3091, which is codified at K.S.A. 44-1401 et. seq. The bill was further amended in 1998 as House Bill 2933. Legislation mandates the following requirements:

1. Work projects must provide employment opportunities to eligible individuals through payments for labor and related costs associated with the repair, maintenance and renovation of essential community facilities; community services and/or work with low-income senior citizens.
2. Entities qualified to apply for NIYEA awards are units of local government, non-profit organizations, Native American Indian tribes, or private businesses that agree to:
 - a. Submit a plan to provide summer and/or after school employment opportunities to eligible individuals;
 - b. Assign a mentor or advisor to each eligible individual employed by the entity; and
 - c. Abide by guidelines as may be required by the Secretary of Human Resources.
 - d. If the eligible entity is a private business, such entity may provide employment opportunities that would provide the youth with meaningful and valuable work experiences other than such community services and assistance. Such private business must specify in the grant application what would be such work experience. Private businesses must agree to pay at least 50% of the individual's wages and fringe benefits pursuant to this Act.
3. Eligible individuals must be enrolled in and attending school, must be of legal age to be employed, and must meet Income Guidelines established by the Secretary of Human Resources.

Harvest America Corporation, Kansas City

Charles Heter
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Contact: Michelle Olson

Hispanic and other youth were employed by Harvest America Corporation (HAC) in after-school and summer employment projects. Existing partnerships were utilized with NIYEA worksites in Kansas City, Leoti, Garden City, and Goodland and new partnerships were forged in Liberal and Dodge City.

Worksites have included: the Franklin Center (KC), NW Kansas Regional Prevention Center (Goodland), Garden City Community College Talent Search (Garden City), Wichita County Health Center (Leoti), El Centro (KC), Stepping Stone Shelter ((Liberal), and Dodge City Community College (Dodge City).

HAC Projects will:

Encourage improvement of school performance, as well as a decrease in school absenteeism and tardiness, and completion of secondary education;

Enhance citizenship skills and promote neighborhood and community pride and responsibility through ongoing volunteering;

Improve decision making and life skills; and,

Provide a structured, well supervised work environment to meet special employability needs and improve employability skills.

HAC's NIYEA youth decreased their school absenteeism and tardiness as reported by school counselors and school attendance records.

Several NIYEA participants reported that they had never volunteered before joining the NIYEA program. Mentors, parents and the youth themselves report that the youths' sense of community increases as a result of participation in the program. This is demonstrated by members acting as positive role models for other youth and by helping others more often.

Two NIYEA youth demonstrated their increased sense of community by volunteering at their work sites in addition to their paid work time. One assists new staff in learning general office duties and computer skills. She also assisted on a volunteer basis with the Health Fair and Sunday School. She has also assisted individual community members with interpretations communicating their needs to utility and telephone companies and in other situations where communication is essential. She has been providing this service as a community volunteer, something that she truly enjoys. She says it makes her feel "good inside". The other youth helps out by volunteering to cook and clean or cover shifts as needed. He reports an understanding of the importance of volunteer work.

Another youth has been a great help by volunteering to assist her supervisor, who has Parkinson's. The site supervisor is on medical leave, and the youth spends a great deal of personal time helping her with her home office, arranging files, doing light housekeeping, and helping around the home. This NIYEA member demonstrates great responsibility during her volunteer time.

Several youth have improved their employability skills by learning to use computer programs to perform data entry. They received computer training at the sites in order to use the software. The knowledge and skills will be helpful to them in the future.

Five of the NIYEA youth increased their employability by performing interpretation and translation as part of their work responsibilities. Such bilingual abilities are currently in great demand by employers across the state and will continue to grow as the Hispanic population increases. One youth did not know how valuable her bilingual skills could be. She learned in the NIYEA program that strengthening her bilingual skills could dramatically increase her employability.

One of the worksites reports that the NIYEA youth working there is an inspiration to the residents of the shelter. The youth always arrives with a positive attitude and has never hesitated in the performance of his duties. This youth demonstrates on a daily basis that he is learning employability skills such as being on time, performing what is asked and expected, setting a positive example to others, public speaking, and making professional contacts. This youth has also learned how to give community members a guided tour of the shelter.

In general, youth improve their employability skills by their participation. They learn aspects of the world of work. Site supervisors report that NIYEA members appear to gain confidence and become more comfortable with the work environment through participation in the program. They also report that NIYEA members improve their ability to follow directions, increase their willingness to do different types of jobs, and can do them well after being shown how. NIYEA sites report that they are very impressed with NIYEA members' development and improvement of employability skills.

NIYEA overall increased their grades as reported by the youths' grade cards.

None of the NIYEA youth committed juvenile offenses during the program. The youth who had been juvenile offenders did not re-offend during the program.

Parents and guardians of NIYEA participants report an increase in responsible actions by their children on account of participation in the program. Some responsible actions that parents attributed to NIYEA participation included: going to work on time; coming home right after work; dressing neatly and appropriately; not spending time running around on the streets; and not being involved in gang activities. Parents and guardians regularly give HAC staff positive feedback on NIYEA participants' attitudes and behaviors.

Site supervisors report an increase in appropriate behavior at the work sites. They report that many participants begin as shy and quiet but begin to fit right in after only a little time at the site. Supervisors report that NIYEA youth have learned to work with different types of people, become more efficient at their work, ask questions when unsure of a procedure, and find quicker ways of doing the work. They are impressed that the NIYEA youth are able to be at work on time, or even early, and work late when necessary. They report that NIYEA youth are very loyal to their sites, become good team members and some even become good team leaders. NIYEA youth let their supervisors know ahead of time when they will not be able to work on a certain date. Site supervisors appreciate that consideration and professionalism. Supervisors report big changes in the NIYEA youth such as behaving in a more mature manner, making better decisions, and demonstrating life skills at the workplace.

NIYEA mentors report that the youth increase their goals as a result of being in the program. Mentors report that NIYEA youth improve their overall attitude and especially improve their attitude towards education. The report improvement in critical thinking skills as well as appropriate and positive decision making.

Several youth had wanted to drop out of school when they started the NIYEA program. One girl felt like she had no academic plans for the future and did not see a way she could further her education after high school. She did not drop out of school. She successfully completed the NIYEA program. She is now planning to attend college. Another NIYEA youth wanted to quit school so he could get a full time job and care for his young daughter. Because of the NIYEA program he did not drop out of school. In fact he now recognizes the negative impact that dropping out of school would have had on his child. Because of his encouragement, his girlfriend, the mother of his child, also decided not to drop out of school. This young man has set a very good example for other teen parents and for his child.

Another youth enrolled in college this Fall after completing the NIYEA program. She reports that participation in the NIYEA program was a factor in her decision to attend college.

All youth participants, parents, site supervisors, mentors, and school Counselors report that they hope the program will be continued. All agreed that the NIYEA program has been very useful and worthwhile to those involved and to the communities in general.

Stardusters Crime Prevention, Inc., Topeka

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Youth will participate in the Topeka Youth Training Action Network (TYTAN) community improvement process.

Stardusters participants will:

Operate a community garden and remove blight while learning agricultural skills at the Stardusters Topeka Urban Farm (STUF) which provides free or low cost garden produce to LULAC, East Topeka Senior Center, Let's Help, Independent Living Resource Center, and Papan's Landing and,

Develop technical skills, small business management and marketing skills by operating the STUF Market and Landscaping Operation, which also plants and maintains flower beds in order to beautify the community, tends to yards and paints houses for senior and disabled citizens, and improves the safety and livability of deteriorating neighborhoods by clearing and cleaning vacant fields, lots, sidewalks, curbs and alleyways to assist with rectifying environmental code violations.

Stardusters NIYEA youth worked on correspondence and resources related to preparing their on-site gardens and low income senior garden assistance programs for the year. Work was done on cleaning up and preparation for planting. Youth worked with the Kansas Army National Guard in advance planning of their project for clearing additional vacant lots for garden expansion.

Youth received training on business software, faxing, word processing, data base maintenance, Internet research, etc. Youth created a flyer for the National Guard project. Youth held planning meetings with the Guardsmen, city forestry officials, etc., and conducted tours of the clean-up area. Youth worked with the Kansas Power & Light Company to assist with cutting back trees in preparation for the clean up project.

They assisted in finding and writing additional grants to help pay the expenses of the National Guard project. A Neighborhood Empowerment grant in the amount of \$15,000 was secured from the city of Topeka to assist with the major Model Block cleanup project with the KSARNG.

As part of their community and cultural involvement program the Stardusters NIYEA youth organized and worked on preparations for the Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Topeka (Black Emancipation Day). Events were scheduled over June 16-18 at Hillcrest Park. The event teaches cultural pride and respect. It brings people from all ethnic races together with a lively agenda which includes basketball tournaments, live music, food, car shows, church services, a carnival, educational exhibits on HIV/AIDS, Healthwave health insurance for children, free swimming, pony rides, and more.

The youth also appeared before the Topeka City Council and read the Proclamation signed by the Mayor.

ropeka neighborhoods benefited from the beautification work, the coming together to commemorate end of slavery, and from the youth promoting other positive activities in the community.

The Pélathé Center, Lawrence

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Native American and other eligible Lawrence youth will:

Assist in the delivery of essential services in the Pélathé Center, including: the food pantry, community garden, after school programs, tutoring, building maintenance, peer mentoring, Cub Scouts, substance abuse counseling, and cultural activities for at-risk youth.

Will assist with services at The Boys and Girls Club, The Social Service League Thrift Store, East Heights School, The Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, The East Lawrence Improvement Association, D.C.C.C.A. Resident Services, High Hopes, and other agencies within the community.

The Pélathé Youth Employment Project has since expanded. Additional funding, beginning January 2000, was approved through the City of Lawrence Alcohol Tax Fund. This funding provided for a part time coordinator, additional youth wages and administrative support.

Youth started training and began nine weeks of work experience in nonprofit agencies throughout Lawrence. The youth attended training sessions in the areas of interviewing, money management, work place issues, interpersonal skills, and life management. Participants are paid \$5.15 an hour and work 5-10 hours per week depending upon the placement. There were seven 9-week sessions planned for 1999-2000.

Since the start of the program, over 70 youth have participated in employment training and community service. With the current funding, over 5000 hours of service to the Lawrence community were provided. The youth provide assistance to the nonprofit agencies in the way of clerical support, janitorial assistance, youth teaching assistance, and lawn care and maintenance.

The vision for this program is to expand youth employment opportunities that benefit youth with a wide range of experience, while benefiting the Lawrence community and keeping the youth in school. To assist in reaching this vision, the Pélathé Center now has an office space at the Lawrence Job Service Center. Expanding youth opportunities, is a mutual goal of the partnership between the Job Service Center and the Pélathé Community Resource Center. Cheryl White, Director of the Lawrence Job Service Center, is very excited about the partnership and sees this as an opportunity for a long range goal of expanded services with community agencies.

Partners have included:

Lawrence Public Library
Health Care Access
Lawrence Housing Authority
Resident Services/DCCCA
Lawrence Community Theatre
Social Service League
Douglas County Aids Project

21st Century Learning Center at East Heights School
Haskell University Facilities Department
Haskell University Foundation Office
City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department
Habitat for Humanity
New Dawn Native Dancers
Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence
Lawrence Humane Society

At the end of the year, eighteen (18) youth were on board at sites around Lawrence including:

Haskell Indian Nations University
 Counseling Center
 Facilities Management
 Roe Cloud/Coffin complex
 Financial Aid
 Thunderbird Theatre
Health Care Access
Lawrence Housing Authority: Residential Services
Pelathe Center
 New Dawn Native Dancers
 After School Programs
 Food Pantry
 Computer Lab
 Administrative Services
Salvation Army

A new monthly evaluation procedure was implemented. NIYEA youth are evaluated based on the elements for being a successful employee. Scores are tracked for improvement and used as a foundation for training. Elements showing a need are addressed individually with the youth, mentors and supervisors. Elements include:

Quality of Work – accuracy and thoroughness
Quality of Work – amount and promptness of work accomplished
Initiative – ability to act responsibly without instruction
Willingness to work with others
Relationships with public, clients and others
Dependability – amount of supervision required
Judgment – ability to apply sound thinking to problem situations
Appearance – general impression on others
Attendance – regularity of attendance and punctuality
Participation in NIYEA Program Training meetings

The evaluation procedures have been helpful in supporting growth as evidenced by the increase in attendance at training sessions and improvement shown on monthly evaluations.

Haskell Indian Nations University is partnering to help train the NIYEA youth in resume writing and job interview skills. ADECCO is partnering to work with the youth on job hunting skills and to provide information about possible private sector positions for the older NIYEA participants.

NIYEA program outcomes are being further refined. Current outcomes focus on community service and producing capable young workers that are able to transition into the private sector successfully. Many anecdotal reports suggest that the NIYEA youth are showing increased self-esteem and improvement in

school performance. Procedures are being developed to allow the program access to school grades while stipulating how such information will be used and ensuring confidentiality.

Salina Arts and Humanities Commission, Salina

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Salina at-risk youth will:

Be engaged in meaningful work in various community agencies

Participate in life skills training, work ethics training, cognitive restructuring training (utilizing "Keys To Innervations"), one-on-one relationships with mentors and supervisors, vocational exploration and team building with a small group focus.

Additional partners included: USD #305, the Salina Area Community Roundtable, Planning Council's Youth Development Task Force, Community Access Television, Lakewood Discovery Center, Salina Community Theatre, Salina Art Center (including the Connections Collection and the Smoky Hill River Festival Program), Smoky Hill Museum, and the Rolling Hills Refuge.

The first year, students worked at Community Access Television, The Salina Public Library, The Salina Community Theatre, and The Salina Art Center on a regular basis from January through the following May. During the Festival and into the fall we had two students working as assistants to a Lawrence artist who was working to complete a mural for the Salina Bicentennial Center.

All of these students completed their work assignments, with the exception of the student at the Television Station, who had to quit his job, because he broke curfew with his foster parents (the foster care situation was very challenging - not always positive for him). He has continued to work there as a volunteer from time to time.

In the second year, the agencies with the more difficult students were not willing to put in the time that we required to enter into the mentor-relationship. The two agencies that were happy with their student workers continued.

Two of the students (Art Center and Community Theatre) continued their work assignments until September of 2001. Both of these young ladies established firm working relationships with their organizations, and grew a great deal from the experiences. The young woman who worked at the Theatre graduated from clerical work to assisting the Director of the Theatre's summer camps (play production) for elementary students, and went on to star in the role of the Queen in the summer high school level production "Once Upon A Mattress". The young woman who worked at the Art Center was able to buy a car with her earnings (very significant as her family is very low income) and truly grew from a very shy young girl to someone who is articulate and can maintain good eye contact. She has identified a career as an art teacher because of her time at the Art Center. Both of these young women benefited greatly from an ongoing relationships with their work mentors, and from working in an arts organization where they were given clear responsibilities of their own to perform on a regular basis.

Staff maintain contact with most of the former students and all are doing well.



CORPORATION ... serving migrant and seasonal farmworkers and low income families in Kansas

Jenny Tavares, Chairperson
Charles Heter, Executive Director

October 12, 2000

George McAtee
Youth E & T Programs and Technical Assistance Coordinator
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Dear Mr. McAtee:

Enclosed please find Harvest America Corporation's quarterly report for the NIYEA program quarter July 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000.

We are very happy that the NIYEA program will continue through Harvest America Corporation! We look forward to continuing to work with your office to make the program a success.

We have received some letters from sites and one from a former member about the worthiness of the program that I thought I'd pass on to you. Please feel free to share these letters with others.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Olson
Director of Program Operations

Enclosure

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October 11, 2000

To whom it may concern:

My name is Martha Arana, and I was a participant with the Harvest America program for about a year. When I enrolled with the program I was a senior at Garden City High School at the time my grades weren't very good. I started working for Lydia Gonzalez. When I started working I was very quiet and shy and I didn't know a lot of things. Through out the year I gain more confidence about my self, I learn so many things that I think they will help me in the future. This program has helped me prepare for the future, it has giving me confidence and experience, mostly because Harvest America was the first job I ever had.

Like I said before, I was having some problems with my grades but in order to stay in Harvest America I need to have good grades, they motivated me to work harder and to keep my grades up. Harvest America is a great program because it helps of kids get a part time job and gives them a experience to work with others and be more sociable. It show us how to be responsible with our work and that helps us prepare for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Arana". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Martha Arana

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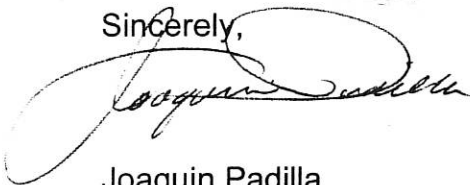
October 11, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Neighborhood Improvement and Youth Employment Act program. I know that the program has been in existence for the past several years. During this time the program has served a number of teenagers in our community. In many cases, I have seen students improve not only in school attendance and grades, but also in their self-image.

I hope that Harvest America will continue to provide this program for the benefit of our students and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joaquin Padilla", written over a large, loopy flourish.

Joaquin Padilla,
Garden City High School Counselor

DATE: October 12, 2000

TO: Barbara Fernandez, HAC Northwest Area Director

FROM: Art Lovington, Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy & Community Corrections Officer

RE: NIYEA Program

I deal with situations that bring me into contact with youth daily. Some who have passed the at-risk stage. They are at a point where they are looking at long jail time or even prison. In my 12 years of law enforcement I have had to transport these young men and women to a place where they will face serious adult situations and consequences.

It is disheartening to see these young people go this route. Because most of them aren't "bad" kids. They may have come from dysfunctional families or have had something happen to them in their lives which made an impact, which has become a barrier for them.

I believe that if some of these kids had been given the opportunity to take advantage of mentoring programs such as those of which NIYEA provides, the possibility of these young people **not** being in the situations in which they are now would be great. The fact that they got into trouble or made some not so wise decisions did not make them unfeeling and unwilling to want to improve themselves and their lives.

I know we cannot get all troubled youth to make positive changes, but if we can get only one, that is one more point for our future.

If Harvest America Corporation can get the NIYEA Program going again, I will certainly support it.

Thank you



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DATE: October 12, 2000

TO: Barbara Fernandez, HAC Northwest Area Director

FROM: Cris Lovington, Prevention Specialist

The NIYEA Program encourages self-esteem, confidence, responsibility, hard work and more. Many of the qualities it takes to achieve goals we set aside to improve ourselves and our lives.

Many times we "brainstorm" about ways we can encourage our at risk youth to "change their ways," but we don't always provide resources which will catch their attention. NIYEA does just that; a job, positive mentoring, a nice environment to work in, experience, and of course the money certainly doesn't hurt.

The NIYEA Program was truly an asset to our community youth, and if there is any possible way it can be started up again I totally support it.

Thank you

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October 12, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the NIYEA Program. I think this is a wonderful program and a great opportunity for our youth. With my job position here at the Sherman County Health Department I see a lot of teens with some great potential. If given the opportunity our youth could use NIYEA to help them meet their goals.

Our youth are tomorrow's society and it would be a shame to see a program like NIYEA not be available to them. My daughter was employed under the NIYEA Program and she really enjoyed it plus she found it very helpful. I personally think it helped her build her self-esteem, self-confidence and communication skills. I am very grateful that my daughter was given such an honor to work under NIYEA. This is an experience she nor I will ever forget. I only hope my other children and other children have the opportunity to be so fortunate.

Without these types of programs many youth might never get a chance to get such a challenging and rewarding experience. It is a chance for them to do something for the community as well as for themselves.

Sincerely,



Irma Benavides



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PRESS RELEASE

7/05/00



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INVITATION TO NIYEA KSARNG STUF PROJECT MEDIA DAY

Stardusters Topeka Urban Farm, STUF is where youth workers are employed in Partnership with the State of Kansas through the Department of Human Resources, Neighborhood Improvement Youth Employment Act KDHR NIYEA. Students from 5 of the 7 area high schools work together to improve Topeka neighborhoods. We plant and harvest urban vegetable gardens and give the produce to senior citizens.

On July 8th a convoy of the Kansas Army National Guard KSARNG will arrive in Topeka to begin a Community Engineering Project at STUF. The KSARNG will clear a 4-6 block area of trees, debris etc., to allow expansion of our gardens. A "media" day is planned for **Tuesday, July 11th at 9:30am**, we hope you will attend with other dignitaries, i.e. the Adjutant General Gregory Gardner, City of Topeka Mayor Joan Wagnon, etc.,

McAtee, contrary to adult public opinion, all youth are not looking for more ways to play and party. Working a job, earning money, making positive things happen is where we need business and community support. This job opportunity has had a real effect upon our performance. It allows young people to work and earn money, enabling us to be positive and stay in school.

The KSARNG project proves Young people with support, are making a difference in Kansas Low-income Neighborhoods. We have enclosed a flyer, we appreciate your time and look forward to meeting you in person.

Sincerely,


TaNeisha Wishom
Hayden High School

Enclosed: STUF Youth Job Training and Community Revitalization, flyer.

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KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 891 COMBAT BATTALION

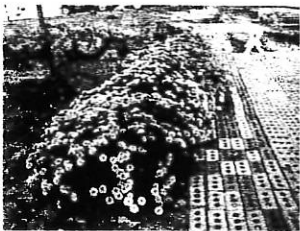


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EDITORIALS

■ Juneteenth

Celebrating freedom

On June 19, 1865, Major Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and that the enslaved were free.

The proclamation Granger read to the people of Texas started out:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Although the message came two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, June 19 brought jubilation and celebration, which were dubbed Juneteenth.

Of course, we all know that the words were not automatically translated into actions, especially when it came to "absolute equality of rights and rights of property." Nevertheless, the spirit of the proclamation is reason to rejoice.

Originally, celebrations were primarily African American events, with little participation from others, and eventually Juneteenth lost out to July 4th as the day to celebrate freedom.

The civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s sparked a resurgence,

■ Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the end of slavery.

however, and today Juneteenth is widely celebrated, not just in Texas, where it is an official holiday, but all over the country, including Topeka.

The Stardusters Juneteenth 2000 Celebration will be held today and Sunday with a variety of activities at Hillcrest Community Center, including basketball, a car show, musical entertainment and talent show today. On Sunday, the Rev. Ron Lasiter will conduct an 11 a.m. church service, which will feature choirs from several area churches. Free swimming, a carnival and pony rides will be available in the afternoon along with a domino tournament, political speakers and more live entertainment.

Juneteenth still celebrates African American freedom, but it also encourages self-development and respect for all cultures. And celebrations today reflect that, with more diverse participation.

There also is a push to get President Clinton to proclaim Juneteenth an unpaid national holiday, something that would boost its prominence and serve to remind us how far we have come in race relations and true equality in this country — and how far we have yet to go.

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FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 18, 2000

Stardusters teens put on Juneteenth

By FLOYD LEE
The Capital-Journal

For second year, youths organize annual celebration.

At last year's Stardusters Juneteenth celebration, a group of Topeka teenagers demonstrated that young people could do something positive for the community. This year, they are doing it again, bigger and better.

For the second year in a row, the Stardusters Youth Workers have organized the three-day Stardusters Juneteenth Celebration on their own.

The 23rd annual Stardusters event, "Juneteenth 2000," held Saturday at Hillcrest Community Center, included a three-on-three basketball tournament and car show and talent show competitions, as well as live entertainment. A full day of activities also is scheduled for today.

"The first year was so successful, they took it over," said Jimmy

Bullocks, president and CEO of Stardusters.

"People were saying that young people weren't doing positive stuff in the community, so the Stardusters Youth Workers organized this event to prove that young people could do some positive things," said TaNeisha Wishom, 17.

Wishom, along with Thomas Ross, 18, Aquila Wilson, 17, and Humberto Gonzalez, 16, co-organized the event.

The Stardust Youth Workers expanded the celebration this year, involving more people and adding more churches, Wishom said. The basketball tournament, which received a good turnout, was held for the first time. First-, second- and third-place trophies were awarded in the tournament, and also in the car

show and talent show competitions.

Juneteenth commemorates the date of June 19, 1865, two years after President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation ending slavery. Gen. Gordon Granger and his Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, on that day and informed the last American slaves, those of Texas, that they were free. June 19 was eventually termed "Juneteenth" — a time to remember, to celebrate freedom, to pray and to bring people together.

"It doesn't matter who you are, or what you are, it's a celebration for all races," Gonzalez said.

Today's scheduled activities at Hillcrest include a church service and gospel concert at 11 a.m., directed by Pastor Ronald K. Lassiter of Faith Temple Church of God in

Christ. A carnival will begin at 3 p.m., free swimming will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m., and pony rides will be made available after 4 p.m. Dominoes and spades tournaments also will be offered at 3 p.m., and live entertainment is scheduled. In addition, voter registration and HIV education will be offered. HealthWave child insurance registration, which began Saturday, will continue today from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sponsors and participating businesses involved with "Juneteenth 2000" are Parks and Recreation of Topeka, the Promote Topeka Fund of the city of Topeka, American Family Insurance, Burlington Northern Santa Fe and State Farm Insurance.

For more information about Stardusters or Stardusters Youth Workers, call 233-5834.

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PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

- WHEREAS,** *Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery, dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free; and*
- WHEREAS,** *President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became official January 1, 1863. But the Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans, until the surrender of General Lee in April 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's Regiment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *one of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, general order number 3 which began most significantly with: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer"; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth was recounted as a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering family members; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Topeka celebrates this freedom day and recognizes Stardusters youth workers who will kick off Topeka's Juneteenth (J2K) Festivities with a parade, Friday, June 16th.*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan Wagnon, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby proclaim June 16-19, 2000, as**

JUNETEENTH DAYS



WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Joan Wagnon, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do here affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the City Topeka, Kansas, this 8th day of June, 2000.

Joan Wagnon
Joan Wagnon, Mayor

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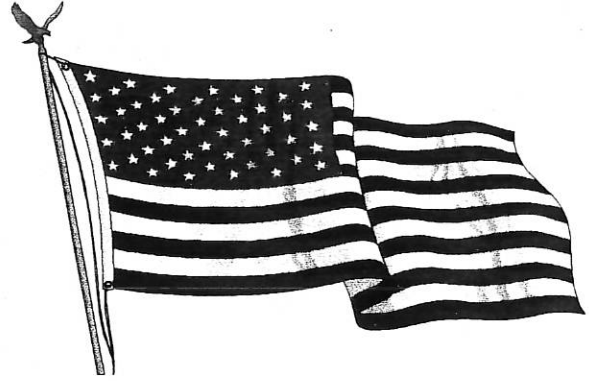


The 20th Century Finale



American History

Black History



On July 4th, Americans celebrate their independence from British rule. On June 19th, millions of Americans celebrate their independence, not from monarchic tyranny but from slavery. The “day” the chains fell away is as mythical a notion as is the “day” of our independence from Britain: both occurred over time and, in the case of black independence and equality, is a struggle which continues today.

Nevertheless, on June 19, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln began the struggle toward equality with his presentation of the Emancipation Proclamation, which outlawed slavery in all the states and which legally recognized black people as free human beings rather than property. That proclamation, however, did not end slavery, for the Civil War raged until April of 1865, when Robert E. Lee surrendered. On June 19, 1865, three years after Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation became law in the “free” states, General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation to the Texas Congress and thereafter granted black people equal rights before the courts as white people and legal security in person and property.

The day became known as “Juneteenth,” an unofficial holiday most white Americans may never have heard of. Yet it is a source of pride, a source of hope for the millions of black Americans who rejoice each year on this day in celebration of their freedom and in the struggle for equality which continues to this day.

“Juneteenth”

JUNETEENTH 1999 PARADE



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 ☆ All the kids loved O.C. ☆
 ☆ the Old Country Buffet ☆
 ☆ Bee, he's very popular. ☆
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The National
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Most of our area news stations came out to the
 site after the parade to support Juneteenth

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Wonderful turnout, we're already gearing up for next year!

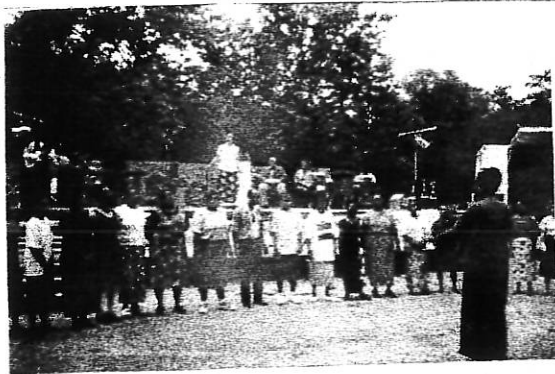
Cars from all over the United States participated



Thanks Councilman Alcalá for supporting & attending. We hope your friends and relatives who came with you enjoyed themselves.



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Ministries and
Faith Temple
C.O.G.I.C came
together to spread
the good news

This is an example of Christ's
messengers working together

Rev. Ronald
Lassiter,
is Pastor
of Faith
Temple,
C.O.G.I.C



Rev. Tom
Watson, is
Pastor of
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The services featured Sista Revelation, a positive
gospel rapper from Los Angeles, California.



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We give acknowledgement to Councilwoman Betty Dunn who also attended Sunday services.

Church Services

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We love the
wonderful
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churches bring
every year



Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter have
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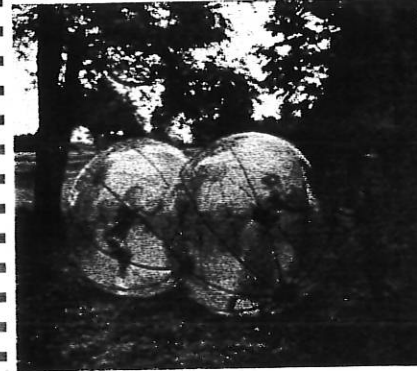


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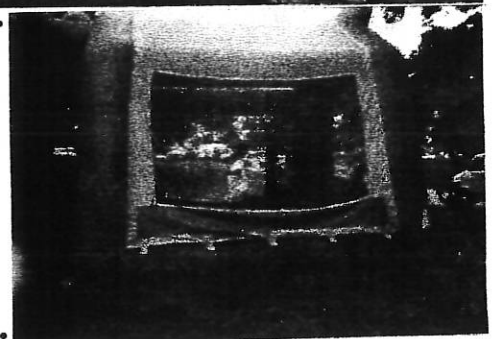
Herbie the Caterpillar

Check out the girls
in the sphere



The
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Good Family Fun!



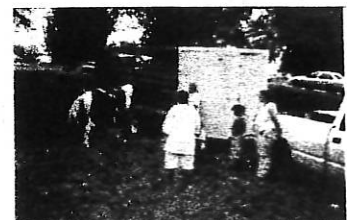
WE HAD *FREE*
 SWIMMING ON
 SUNDAY



Swimmers were Greeted By
 the lovely Tawana McClinton



We also had
 free pony rides
 on Sunday



The domino tournament was very successful



Pastor Tom Watson in the background, either learning or teaching Dominoes.



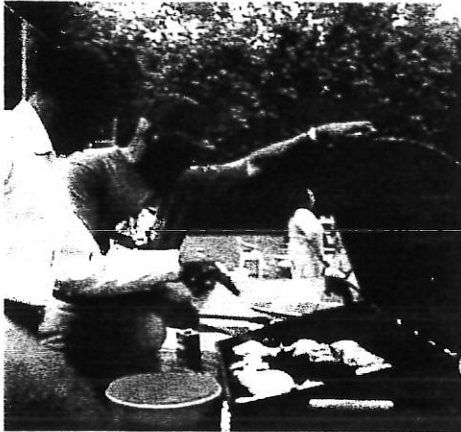
CONCESSIONS

El Shaddai Ministries raised money for their church by setting up a concession booth at Juneteenth.



Look at the youth workers hard at work in our concession stand

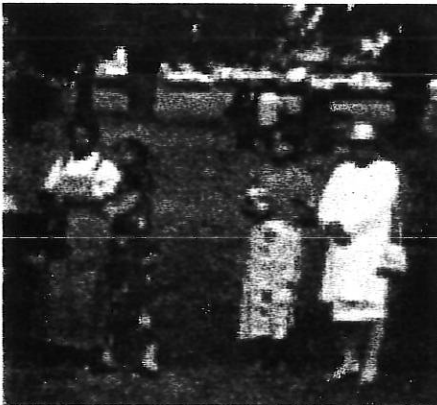
Juneteenth - Continued, The 20th Century Finale!



Thanks, to our wonderful volunteers,

A few of Starduster's Youth Workers,
the 1999 Juneteenth Organizers.

Relax,
Enjoy and
visit with
old & new
friends.



Councilwoman
Betty Dunn

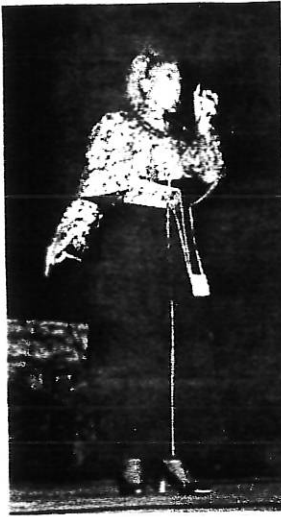


Councilwoman Vennessa Hill and
Councilman James McClinton



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 Council for their support of the
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From Stardusters Youth Workers

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Sista Revelation
Las Angeles, CA



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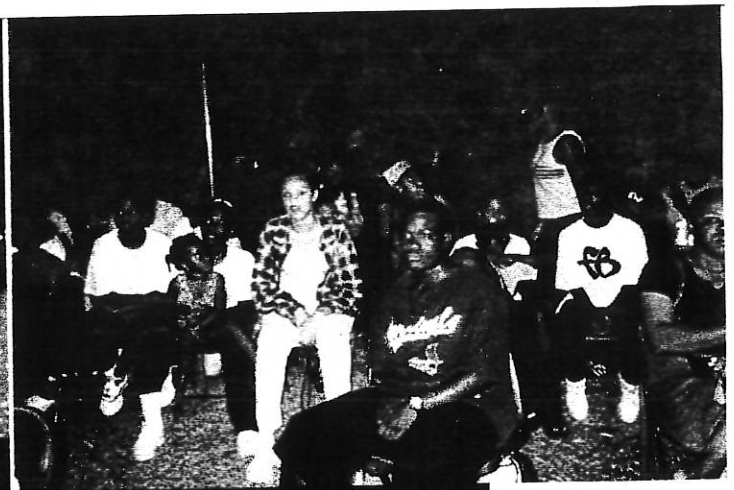


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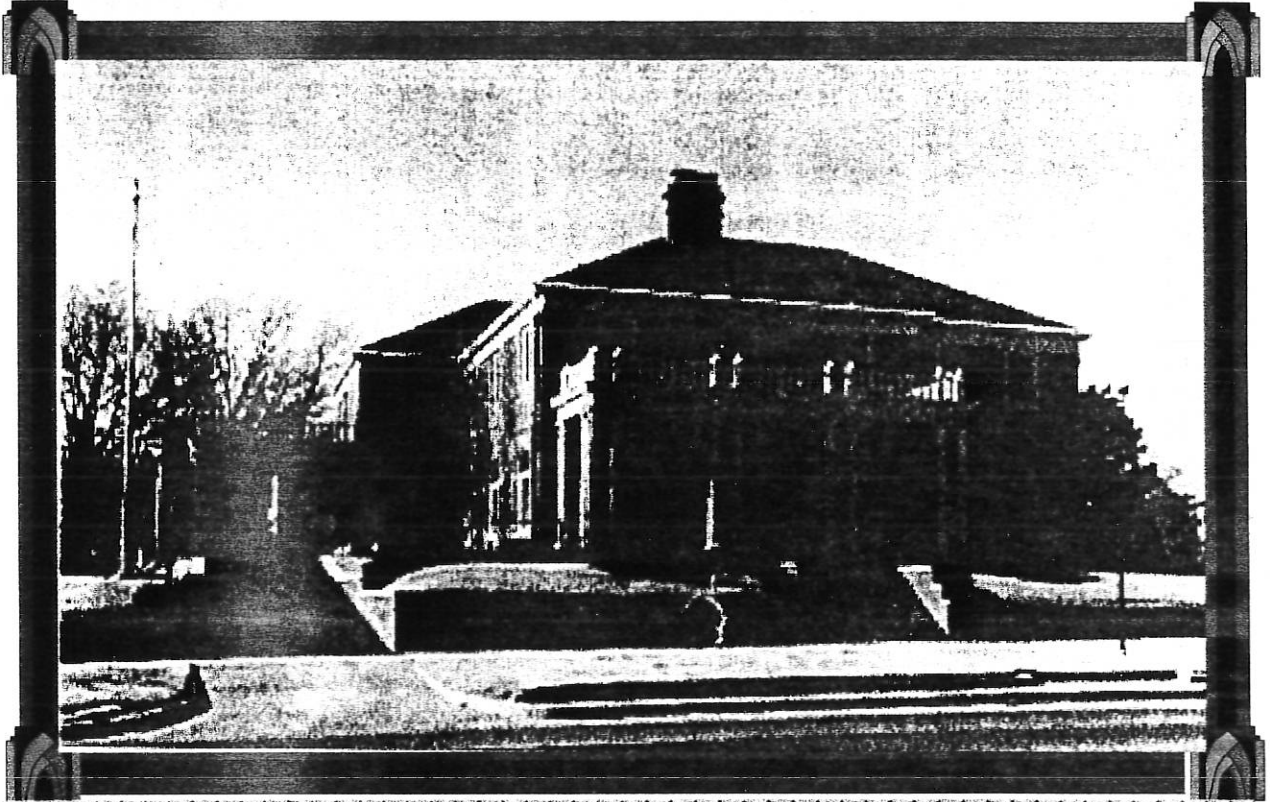
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Special thanks from the Desk of Jimmy L. Bullocks, Sr.,
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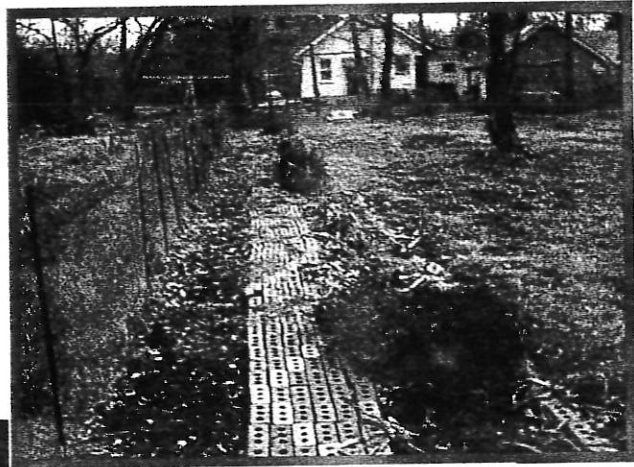
I'd like to take this time to thank the young people from 5 area High Schools that worked together to make the Juneteenth a Memorial Affair. I'm even more impressed with them because while accomplishing the "Juneteenth" they also developed Starduster's STUF Program to another Level. The STUF Program is a community Effort which provides fresh fruits & vegetables to Senior Citizens (STUF - Youth Accomplishments for 1999 follows)

S. T. U. F.

Welcome to
the beginning
of the STUF
season.
Ashley



The STUF garden in the beginning stages, before we put our souls into it.



Professional Youth Worker, Anthony, as usual, working hard.



We have picked up many valuable skills for the future. We feel as though this isn't just a job, but it's also a learning experience for a lifetime.



TaNeisha, if we plant they will come!

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We are changing our community, by the sweat of our
brows.

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*SENIOR CITIZENS
AT LULAC & EAST TOPEKA
SENIOR CENTER*



*HERE IS
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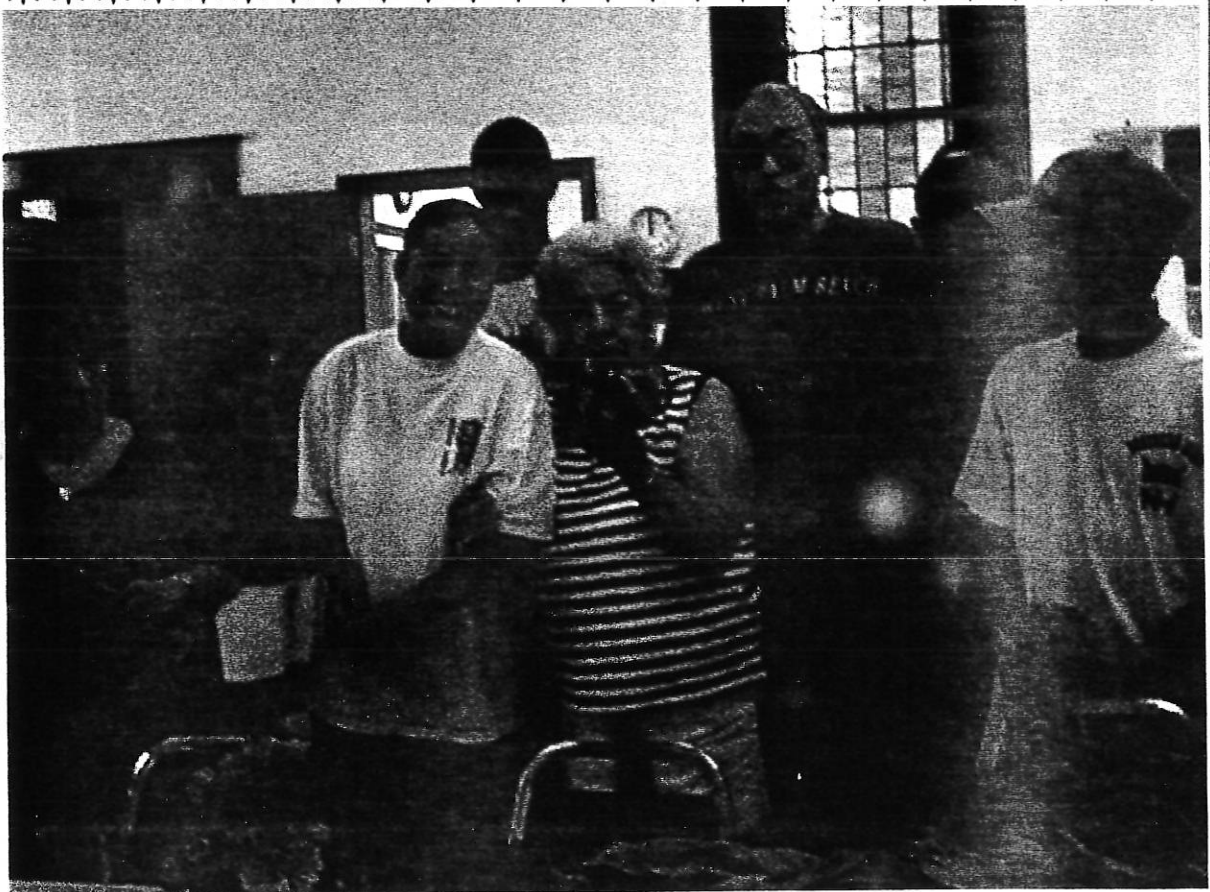
*MRS. LOPEZ IS
GIVING
INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE SENIOR CITIZENS
THAT CANNOT SPEAK
ENGLISH.*



*HERE ARE TWO BEAUTIFUL LADIES
AT THE EAST TOPEKA CENTER WITH
THEIR VEGGIES!*



STUF



TaNeisha , Humberto, Tim, and Laron are just hanging out with three senior citizens from Lulac. The seniors greatly enjoyed our visit and our free vegetables.

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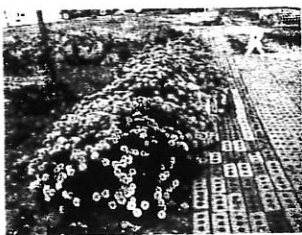


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Stardusters Topeka Urban Farm

STUF's VIP Tour

June 2, 1998



VIP TOUR - JOAN WAGNON
MAYOR,
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Green thumb tips



— Chris Ochman/The Capital-Journal

Stardusters director Jimmy Bullocks Sr., right, passed on some of his gardening knowledge to Laron Caldwell, 16, on Monday while they harvested vegetables from the Stardusters Topeka Urban Farm. The Stardusters farm program gives local youths an opportunity to affect the community in a positive way by growing the crops and donating them to senior citizens.

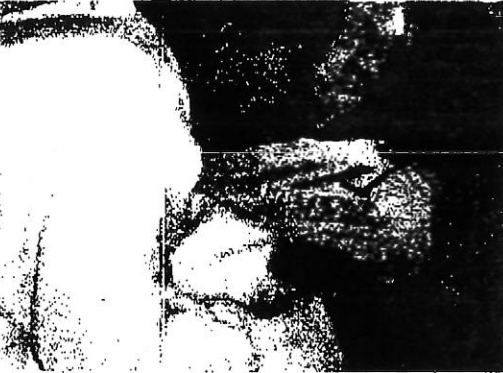
Center Staff Profiles, Part 2



Daniel Butcher

My Name is Daniel Butcher. I am 19 year old Minnetonka Lakota Sioux from La Plant, South Dakota (Theysow River Reservation). I am a graphic design major and also a sophomore at Haskell Indian Nations University. I have work in the NYEA Employment Project for the past two years. I plan on continuing my education at the Art Institute of California in San Diego or the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the Fall of 2001. Until then, I plan on graduating with an AA degree in general education during the Spring 2001 semester.

When I first started working for Pélathe, I was raking leaves, picking up trash, and doing various labor jobs around the center. Gradually I worked my way into the building. It's a lot better now. I now help the VISTAs make flyers, signs, and other things with the computer. At times I do have to go back outside to work. I like the Pélathe Center because of the people that work here. The VISTAs have always gave me advice to learn from and have always helped out in my time of need. Also, I have met a lot of nice people through the center. Personally, I am learning a lot working here; by helping the people, community and the center. This is one organization that I can say I'm proud to be a part of.



Arrielle Brown

My Name is Arrielle Brown and I am a Narragansett Indian from Rhode Island. I have come to Haskell because of Haskell Indian Nations University. I have been at Haskell for four semesters now, and have been with the New Dawn Native Dancers for two years. I hope to graduate from Haskell with an AA in Liberal Arts in spring 2001. After Haskell, I plan to finish Beauty School and one day open my own salon.

The New Dawn Native Dancers have provided me with a family away from my home. My contribution to the dance group is teaching the little ones how to dance. I work with the Fancy Shawl and Jingle Dress dancers. I mostly work with kids between the ages of three and ten. Through the Youth Employment Program at the Pélathe Center, I will now be able to work with the kids one-on-one. I plan on taking the kids to East Heights Elementary School and working on some new moves. My plan is to make dance practice more of a practice for the girls to perfect their moves. I will be taking the Fancy Dance girls on Tuesdays, and the Jingle Dress girls on Thursdays. Hopefully they will show off their stuff on Wednesdays during the regular dance practices.

REAL Dollars Update: LTO Honors Poet Langston Hughes

The REAL money is in circulation. Individual \$R William S. Burroughs bucks, 1R Pélathe notes and the new released 10R Langston Hughes dollars are available for sale at Liberty Hall Box Office and Free State Credit Union. In this issue of the Pélathe Quarterly, we've published Langston Hughes' Let America Be America Again in recognition of printing of the Langston Hughes bill. Hughes was one quarter Cherokee and this makes him the second person of American Indian ancestry recognized on LTO REAL currency!

Dozens of locally owned businesses are charter members in the Lawrence Trade Organization. Membership is open to both businesses and individuals. If you are interested in becoming a member and would like more information, please contact Boog Highberger at 843-0995 or boog59@juno.com, John Coughler or Kris Olsen at 841-8798.

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Pélathe Real Dollars already in circulation

KanArts Co-sponsors Winter Foto Loco Project

KanArts joined the Pélathe Center in cosponsoring a special training session for former Foto Loco participants. The six week advanced intermediate program with Artist In Residence Gary Smith included special dark room training sessions for thirteen youths and two adult participants. The project ended with a Lawrence Journal World exhibit on December 21st with seven of the artists' works being published. KanArts consultant Jill Atherton assisted in project marketing and evaluation. The project was funded, in part, by a City of Lawrence Alcohol Tax fund grant. KanArts provides support to minority and multicultural artists and arts organizations. They can be reached at KanArts, Box 183 Lawrence, KS 66044 or by phone at their Lawrence office: 838-3808

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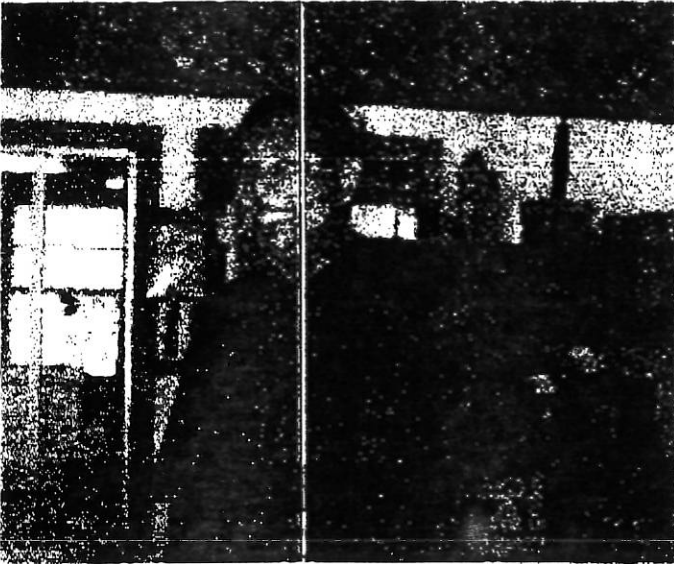
It's Easy to Be Green

The Raw Valley Greens (the local chapter of the Kansas Green Party) will be meeting Sunday, February 11th, at 7PM at the ECM building on the KU campus. A statewide Green meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th, post-lunch lunch at Noon, meeting at 1PM, at the ECM building. All are welcome. Come and help build a political party with a vision of social justice and equal opportunity which includes support of legal, political and grassroots efforts by and on behalf of Native Americans to protect their traditional rights, livelihoods and sacred spaces. For more information, Contact Richard Morantz at 785-824-4111 or rmorantz@juno.com

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have been asked to write a little bit about themselves for the newsletter.

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My name is Andrew Kie I am 15 years old. I m from the Laguna and Isleta pueblo tribes of New Mexico. I have lived in Kansas for three years. I just recently graduated the ninth grade from South Junior High. I will attend Lawrence High School in the fall.

I live with my family, my brother C.J is a senior to be who also plays football and basketball and lettered in them both as well as track. My younger brother Aaron, 13, is an active participant in South Junior High football and track and is a member of South's Native American Youth Leader. My mother Debbi works at Haskell Indian Nations University as the Facility Safety Specialist Manager. Wayne Thompson is a custodian at Haskell Indian Nations University.

As for me, I play football and lettered at South Junior High. I also was a board member for South Junior High's Native American Youth Leaders. I m working at Pelathé for the summer I look forward to working with Bruce and the rest of the staff at Pelathé.



My name is Mary Portia Evan. I was born in Lawton, Oklahoma. I'm Caddo Comanche, and Yupik. I moved to Lawrence in December of 1992. I am a junior at Lawrence High School. I have a two-year -old son named Mylynn. My hobbies include anything involving Will Smith, basketball, and softball, reading and going to pow-wows.

I've been involved with the New Dawn Native Dancers for a year now. I also took part in the Haskell Indian Nations University Upward Bound Program in June. I hope to go to college and get my Law Degree.

This is my second summer working at the Pelathé Community Resource Center Youth Employment Program. You can find me here filling things for New Dawn Native Dancers, updating the New Dawn web page, decorating the center with pictures, helping with the Pelathé Newsletter, answering the phone and getting bossed around by Bruce.

I also went to Liverpool, NY in July with the New Dawn Native Dancers. I served as the head Teen Girl dancer at the Great Salt City Pow-wow. We visited Niagra Falls and had a wonderful trip.

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The Pelathe Community Resource Center, Inc.
Statement of Activities - NIYEA

	Jan - Dec '98	Jan - Dec '99	Jan - Dec '00	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Grants	67.20	31,703.58	36,827.93	68,598.71
Total Income	67.20	31,703.58	36,827.93	68,598.71
Gross Profit	67.20	31,703.58	36,827.93	68,598.71
Expense				
Insurance	0.00	123.00	469.00	592.00
Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	17.44	0.00	17.44
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Tax Expense	12.90	2,107.00	2,349.76	4,469.66
Program Expense	168.67	31,246.87	30,773.28	62,188.82
Total Expense	181.57	33,494.31	33,622.04	67,297.92
Net Ordinary Income	(114.37)	(1,790.73)	3,205.89	1,300.79
Net Income	<u>(114.37)</u>	<u>(1,790.73)</u>	<u>3,205.89</u>	<u>1,300.79</u>

Job Performance Evaluation December 2000

Name of Staff Member: _____

Position: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO EVALUATOR:

Select the behavioral description on each factor along the 5-point scale that most clearly describes the youth worker's performance and circle the number next to the factor. If you feel that you do not have sufficient information to make a judgment, circle the "0" for insufficient information.

1. Quality of work: accuracy and thoroughness

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Meets standards of good quality |
| 1 Poor, undue number of errors | 4 Works quite carefully |
| 2 Sometimes careless and inaccurate | 5 Outstanding, highly accurate |

2. Quantity of work: amount and promptness of work accomplished

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Work volume meets job standards |
| 1 Work output very low | 4 Output higher than required |
| 2 Does less than reasonable amount | 5 Unusually high output |

3. Initiative: ability to act on own responsibility without instruction

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Goes ahead on regular work |
| 1 Always waits to be told | 4 Resourceful beyond needs of job |
| 2 Often waits for directions | 5 Seeks additional tasks |

4. Willingness to work with others

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Generally works well with others |
| 1 Refuses to cooperate | 4 Willing team worker |
| 2 Non-cooperative tendencies | 5 Exceptionally good team worker |

5. Relationships with public, clients, and others

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Maintains normal relations |
| 1 Irritating or indifferent | 4 Above normal requirements |
| 2 Ineffective or lacking | 5 Ideal attitudes and contacts |

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6. Dependability, amount of supervision required

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| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Generally reliable |
| 1 Requires constant supervision | 4 Requires only occasional supervision |
| 2 Needs frequent checks | 5 Extremely reliable |

7. Judgment: ability to apply sound thinking to problem situations

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Dependable on routine matters |
| 1 Unreliable, not acceptable | 4 Most decisions well thought out |
| 2 Frequently lacking | 5 Unusually quick and sound |

8. Appearance: general impression on others

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Generally acceptable |
| 1 Untidy or inappropriate | 4 Well groomed |
| 2 Generally poor | 5 Outstanding taste in grooming |

9. Attendance: regularity of attendance and punctuality

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 Insufficient information | 3 Usually on time and on duty |
| 1 Habitually late or absent | 4 Rarely tardy or absent |
| 2 Often late or absent | 5 Always on time |

To be completed by NIYEA Coordinator:

10. NIYEA Employment Program Training Meetings

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| 0 Non-attendance | 3 On time and participate |
| 1 Late and not participating | 4 Late and actively participating |
| 2 On time and not actively participating | 5 On time and actively participating |

TOTAL SCORE: _____

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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION OF THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2001
SENATE BILL 306**

Thank you, Chairman and members of the Committee. I am Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Kansas Corporation Commission. With me is Anne Tymeson, Assistant General Counsel. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the Committee with additional information from the Commission as the Committee considers Senate Bill 306.

The question has arisen as to whether franchises and rights-of-way are discussed in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Currently, neither the Kansas Corporation Commission nor the Federal Communications Commission regulate the franchising authority of municipal bodies. Once a telecommunications public utility has received a certificate of convenience and authority to operate in the State of Kansas, the telecommunications provider must apply to the city to receive a franchise to construct and maintain its lines across public rights-of-way within its certificated territory. The city collects franchise fees from telecommunications service providers based on its franchising ordinances.

The jurisdiction of the FCC may be invoked, however, if franchise fees reach such prohibitive levels as to amount to a barrier to entry pursuant to Section 253 of the Federal Act. It states in pertinent part:

(a) No State or local statute or regulation, or other State or local legal requirement, may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service.

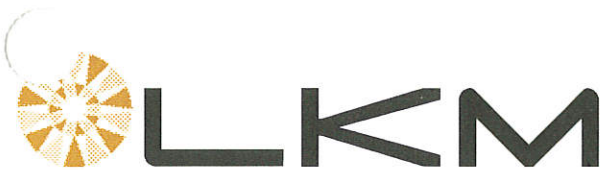
In addition, the jurisdiction of the FCC may be invoked if franchise fees are applied in a discriminatory manner. Section 253(c) of the Federal Act states:

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(c) Nothing in this section affects the authority of a State or local government to manage the public rights-of-way or to require fair and reasonable compensation from telecommunications providers, on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis, for the use of public rights-of-way on a nondiscriminatory basis, if the compensation required is publicly disclosed by such government.

Thus, if a telecommunications provider believes that franchise fees are set at such a level as to impose a barrier to entry, or are not being applied in a competitively neutral manner, the appropriate remedy is for the telecommunications provider to file a complaint or petition for preemption with the FCC.

In addition, the FCC currently has jurisdiction over pole attachments pursuant to section 224 of the Federal Act. The term pole attachment refers to any attachment by a cable television system or provider of telecommunications services to a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or controlled by a public utility. Section 224 indicates that jurisdiction over the rates, terms and conditions, or access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way shall be held by the FCC, unless a State certifies to the FCC that such matters are regulated by a state. A State must also certify to the FCC that in regulating the rates, terms and conditions for pole attachments it does consider the interests of the subscribers of the services offered via the pole attachments, as well as the interests of the consumers of the utility services. There are thirteen states that have certified to the FCC that they regulate pole attachments, thereby preempting the FCC from regulating the same. Kansas has not yet considered a proposal to remove jurisdiction over this issue from the FCC and place it with the KCC.



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To: Senate Commerce Committee
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Date: February 21, 2001
Re: Opposition to SB 306

Thank you for allowing me to appear today on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and our member cities. We appear today in opposition to SB 306. My testimony will focus on the overarching policy principles involved in this proposed legislation. You will also hear today from a number of individual cities with regard to more specific, very serious concerns that are raised by this bill.

Control of Public Property

We begin with the fundamental premise that public property should and must be controlled by public entities. Cities should control city property, counties should control county property, and the state should control state property. While the existing franchise law recognizes that there can be a public good in allowing certain businesses to use the public rights of way, the basic principle in the current law is that such franchise is a privilege to be granted by the governmental entity that owns the property.

SB 306 turns that entire premise on its head. This bill declares that the private use of public property by telecommunications companies is a guaranteed right. The bill goes even further and limits the authority of the owners of the property, the local or state government, to maintain and control the property.

Public rights of way have become very crowded, and in some cases overcrowded. There are electric lines, gas lines, telecommunications lines, towers, traffic devices, water lines, sewer lines, and much more in our public rights of way. The owner of the property must maintain the ultimate control over the maintenance, use, and care of this property. It is the responsibility of the city, or other right of way owner, to ensure fair treatment among the various users of the property as well as to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. SB 306 erodes the ability of the owners of public rights of way to control their own property and should be rejected on this basis alone.

Differential Treatment

SB 306 also raises serious issues of differential treatment. Currently, all businesses seeking to use the public rights of way are subject to the requirements and issuance of a franchise as provided by K.S.A. 12-2001 *et seq.* As you will note in Section 9 of the bill, the telecommunications industry would be carved out of those requirements and a

separate set of rules would apply to that particular industry. I would like to pose the question of why is it necessary to single them out for differential and preferential treatment from all other users of the public rights of way? Why should a telecommunications company have the unencumbered right to use public property for a private purpose while a company selling electricity would be required to obtain a franchise agreement pursuant to K.S.A. 12-2001 *et seq.* for the use of the exact same piece of property.

Franchise Agreements

Current law authorizes the use of public rights of way pursuant to the provisions of a locally negotiated franchise agreement. SB 306 would allow telecommunications companies to unilaterally terminate existing franchise agreements and thus abrogate the agreed upon contractual obligations of the company. While many would argue that this provision is in and of itself unconstitutional, we would also suggest that it is unwarranted and unwise.

Cities and private companies of all kinds have been negotiating franchise agreements for many years. We believe that this cooperative approach, requiring a contractual agreement between the parties, is the appropriate way to regulate the private use of public property. Carving out a special exception for a particular industry at the state level flies in the face of both tradition and common sense.

Conclusion

The current franchise law is based upon three sound principles: 1) Cities must maintain the ultimate control over city property; 2) Everyone who uses public property for a private purpose should be subject to the same rules for obtaining use of the property; and, 3) The use and regulation of city rights of way should be negotiated locally between the user and the city. SB 306 rejects all three of those principles and sets us off in an entirely new direction of preferential treatment for a particular industry.

For these reasons and others that will be cited later by individual cities, we are opposed to SB 306 and we ask that you do not recommend it favorably for passage. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.



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Principles of Proponents of SB 306

1. The principles of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) regarding rights-of-way management
 - a. right-of-way management must be predictable, nondiscriminatory, and competitively neutral
Section 7(c), page 5 lines 17-22
 - b. Removal of barriers to entry
Section 3(c), page 2 lines 40-43
Section 10(b), page 10 lines 30-35
 - c. Regulation and taxes should be determined in a consistent manner, rather than in a disparate manner by every municipality
Section 4(a), page 3 lines 15-21
 - d. Fees for use of the right-of-way should recover the cost of regulation, not be a method to increase local revenues
Section 7(f), page 6 lines 9-15
 - e. Consumers should know about all fees paid to cities
Section 8, page 7 lines 7-15
 - f. Municipal police powers should be clearly and sensibly defined
Section 7(c), page 5 lines 15-22
 - g. Federal and state law limits municipal regulation over telecommunications
Section 1(c)(2), page 1 lines 29-33
Section 4(a), page 3 lines 15-18
Section 12, page 11 lines 20-25
2. Separating right-of-way occupancy from the obligation to pay franchise fees
Section 7(f), page 6 lines 13-15
3. Keep cities whole in revenues
Section 1(b), page 1 lines 25-28
Section 4(a), page 3 lines 1-4
Section 7(f), page 6 lines 13-15
4. Allow citizens to contest fee increases
Section 4(c), page 3 line 35 - page 4 line 1
5. Comply with federal law
Section 1(c)(2), page 1 lines 29-33
Section 3(c), page 2 lines 40-43
Section 4(a), page 3 lines 15-18
Section 12, page 11 lines 20-25

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